REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1, used herein as an example, recites coils formed around said main teeth. The Examiner relies upon the magnetic path section 9 of JP '050 as corresponding to this feature. However, no coils are wound around this element. Instead, coils 7a, 7b and 7c and are wound around teeth sections 5a, 5c and 5f, respectively. Coils 6a, 6b and 6c are wound around the base of the 'E' shape of the teeth sections 5.

Dependent claim 2 recites each of the auxiliary teeth has a shape to fill a gap between adjacent ones of the coils. However, the winding sections 8 of JP '050 do not fill a gap, since there is a gap between these sections and the windings 7a, 7b and 7c.

Dependent claim 3 recites a torque and/or a cogging amount of the electric motor are adjusted by setting of lengths of said auxiliary teeth. According to the Examiner, "the short lengths of teeth 8 satisfy the cogging amount." However, there is no teaching in the reference that the short lengths satisfy the cogging amount.

Ohto does not overcome these deficiencies in JP '050, and is not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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